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In re International Patent Application of:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following Amendment to the above referenced International Application (as amended on 11/14/2000) prior to calculation of the fees and prior to examination.

In the claims:

1. A nonwoven composite comprising a first fibrous layer in the form of a nonwoven web to which a second fibrous layer is joined by fibre entanglement and further comprising at least one textile-treating agent selected from silicones, derivatives of silicones and quaternary ammonium compounds, the treating agent comprising [wherein] an [the] active-ingredient level [in the treating agent amounts to] of at least 3% by weight of the solids in the untreated composite.
2. A nonwoven composite according to claim 1 wherein the nonwoven web comprises at least one of polyester fibers, polyolefin fibers or polyamide fibres [or a mixture of two or more such fibres].